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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Intelligence
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Deputy Director for Science and Technology
General Counsel
Inspector General
Director, Office of Legislative Liaison
Comptroller
Executive Secretary
Director, Public Affairs Office

FROM: Harry E. Fitzwater
Deputy Director for Administration

SUBJECT: Central Intelligence Agency Information
Act, H.R. 5164

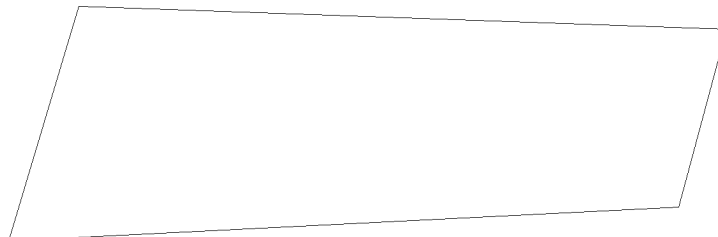
1. On April 13, 1984, Edward P. Boland, Chairman of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence informed the Director that the Committee by unanimous voice vote has reported favorably H.R. 5164, the Central Intelligence Agency Information Act. This bill, of course, is designed to give partial relief for the search and review of certain operational files in handling Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests.

2. I wish to remind each of you that the passage of H.R. 5164 will carry with it the expectation that we will not reduce resource allocations to an FOIA effort for two years and that our backlog will be significantly reduced or eliminated. Representative Boland's letter to the Director makes clear the intention of the Congress as follows:

"Furthermore, it is expected that the Agency will not reduce its budgetary and personnel allocation for FOIA activities during the two year period following enactment.

"As you know, the prospect of achieving these goals has been a major factor in securing the overwhelming congressional support, thus far evidenced, for this legislation."

3. We reported to the Congress that the level of personnel resources devoted to FOIA activities in 1983 was the equivalent of 121 work-years of effort. I have asked the Office of Information Services to monitor our ongoing level of effort for the FOIA activity and to advise me if there are significant changes in the overall picture. Your continued support in this matter is appreciated.



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